

Application Ser. No. 10/580,612
Amendment/Election dated December 4, 2009
Reply to Office Action of August 12, 2009

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, claim 21 was allowed, and claims 5-15 and 18-19 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 2, 16, and 17 were rejected. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations contained in allowable claim 5. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claims 22, 23, and 24 are new. Support for claim 22 can be found in claim 1 as originally filed, as well as paragraph 73 of Applicant's specification. Support for claim 23 can be found in paragraphs 80-84 of Applicant's specification. Support for claim 24 can be found in paragraphs 80 and 85 of Applicant's specification.

In light of the amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance. The undersigned asks that the Examiner contact him at (225) 248-2420 if he has any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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